

God's Providence: Paul's 2nd & 3rd Missionary Journey (Acts 18:18-28)

. Paul in Corinth

- a. *Paul's time with Aquila and Priscilla (18:2a-6)*
- b. *Paul turns to the Gentiles (18:7-11)*
- c. *Paul is vindicated by (18:12-18a)*

The blending of two journeys – Paul's second & third missionary journeys

1st missionary journey begins Acts 13:2 it ends at the close of Acts 14

Challenge where does the second journey end & the third journey start?

2nd journey starts (Acts 15:36) 3rd journey ends (Acts 21)

End of 2nd journey & start of 3rd journey run together: division vv 23&24

I. God's Providence: The ministry of Aquila and Priscilla

God provides these new fellow workers to join Paul in his labors

Aquila and Priscilla were poor tent makers most likely poorly educated

God used them to help Paul & their home used for the church in Ephesus

II. God's Providence: Apollos a Misguided Servant from Alexandria

- 1) Apollos was "an eloquent or a learned man" (v.24)
- 2) Apollos had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures (v.24)
- 3) Apollos "had been instructed in the way of the Lord" (v.25)
- 4) Apollos "began to speak boldly or with great fervor (v.25)

III. God's Providence in Achaia

Apollos went to Achaia: refuted the Jews publicly from Scripture v. 28

God used Apollos mightily to strengthen the church in Achaia (1 Cor 3:5)